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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the current title of the invention with the follow new title of the invention:

“Converter for Direct Current-to-Direct Current Downward Conversion”

Please amend page 2, lines 9-17 as follows:

~~Claim 2~~ An exemplary embodiment of the present invention elucidates the arrangement of the elements of the auxiliary circuit.

The characteristics of ~~claim 3~~ a further exemplary embodiment of the present invention define the time slot in which the auxiliary switching element is in the turned-on state, so that losses due to reverse recovery of the body diode of the synchronous rectifier are avoided.

~~Claim 4~~ A further exemplary embodiment of the present invention describes the turn-on instant of the switching element at the input side, thus enabling zero-voltage switching. As an alternative to ~~claim 4~~, ~~claim 5~~, a further exemplary embodiment of the present invention discloses a voltage measurement so that it can be ensured that the switching element at the input side is turned on when the voltage is sufficiently low.

~~Claim 6~~ A further exemplary embodiment of the present invention discloses a suitable turn-off instant for the synchronous rectifier.